

# **NEWS RELEASE**

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## **SUSPECT LOCATED AND CHARGED IN VEHICLE THEFT**

**OPAL** – Deputies responded to Lees Mill Road in the Opal area Wednesday afternoon for a reported vehicle theft that had just occurred. At approximately 2:15 p.m. the victim reported her vehicle had been taken from her driveway. The victim further stated her vehicle was left running while she went inside the residence to retrieve something. During that time the vehicle was taken from the driveway located on Lees Mill Road near Deer Hollow Lane and Opal Road. The victim last saw her gray Jeep Cherokee heading toward Rt 29 on Lees Mill Road.

The victim had an earlier interaction with a suspicious female on the roadway near the home. The female was described as having blondish hair, approximately 5'3" tall, wearing a tan Carhartt style jacket and dark pants. Deputies searched the area and located the stolen Jeep still running and unoccupied in the 9500 block of Lees Mill Road near Starling Drive.

A perimeter was established and an extensive search was conducted for the female suspect. During the search an alert citizen observed the suspect at a residence on Lees Mill Road. The suspect was eventually located on James Madison Highway/Rt. 29 near Lees Mill Road and she was taken into custody.

During the search and apprehension of the suspect, a second vehicle was found near Clark Bros. Gun Shop. The vehicle was running and unoccupied. This vehicle was confirmed to be stolen from the Town of Warrenton but had not yet been reported stolen to law enforcement.

Deputies took Ashleigh Mae Adams, 37, no fixed address, into custody. Adams is charged with grand larceny (felony) and three counts of providing false information to law enforcement (misdemeanors). Adams was held with no bond at the Fauquier County Adult Detention Center.

On Thursday morning, January 16, 2020, Adams was charged with assaulting a detective and a deputy in the detention center. She is charged with two counts of

assaulting a law enforcement officer (felony) and one count of obstruction of justice (misdemeanor). She is being held without bond on the additional charges.



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